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### **Army's Chief of Staff visits the Ready First Brigade**

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**AR RAMADI**, Iraq – General Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army Chief of Staff, visited the Ready First Brigade in Ar Ramadi, Iraq today.

Schoomaker met with top officials within the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division upon his arrival here. For more than two hours, the servicemembers briefed Schoomaker on various issues.

Serving as the senior military advisor to the Army's staff, Schoomaker is responsible for the effective and efficient functions of the Army in performing various missions around the globe.

He also presents and justifies Army policies, plans, programs, and budgets to the Secretary of Defense, the Executive Branch, and to members of the United States Congress.

Also visiting with Schoomaker was Congressman Jim Marshall, representing the people of Georgia's third congressional district.

Marshall was enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as an airborne ranger reconnaissance platoon sergeant.



General Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army's Chief of Staff, Congressman Jim Marshall, of Georgia, and Col. Sean B. MacFarland, commander of the 1st Armored Division, 1st Brigade talks with top military officials of the brigade, before they begin their briefing on the Christmas Eve in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. (Photo by Sgt. KaRonda Fleming, 1st Armored Division, 1st Brigade PAO)



Spc. Zachary A. Carlson a fire support specialist and ready first Soldier, explains the computerized programs of various activities that have occurred previously to General Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army's Chief of Staff. (Photo by Sgt. KaRonda Fleming, 1st Armored Division, 1st Brigade PAO)

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